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FORMER CARLSBAD EDUCATOR FACES TAX EVASION CHARGES IN STATE DISTRICT

COURT IN CARLSBAD

SANTA FE – On August 15, Eddy County Magistrate Judge Henry T. Castaneda ruled that there was probable cause to believe that the case against Roy V. Jimenez of Carlsbad be bound over to the Fifth Judicial District Court in Carlsbad. Jimenez had previously been charged with three felony counts of State of New Mexico Personal Income Tax evasion.

During the Preliminary Hearing, evidence was introduced that while Jimenez was employed as a Principal by the Carlsbad Municipal Schools, he earned over \$225,000 in wages for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004. For the same years, it is alleged that Jimenez filed Forms W-4 (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate) in which he claimed "exempt" status. As a result of the "exempt" claim, the Carlsbad Municipal Schools did not withhold State of New Mexico Income Taxes from Jimenez's wages.

The results of the investigation by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department revealed that Jimenez owed in excess of \$10,000 in New Mexico Personal Income Taxes for the three-year period.

Senior Trial Prosecutor D'Ann Read, who normally prosecutes tax evasion cases for the Fifth Judicial District Attorney's Office, represented the State at the Preliminary Hearing.